

Indiana Department of Natural Resources Falls of the Ohio State Park 201 West Riverside Drive Clarksville, IN 47129

Falls of the Ohio State Park RAPTOR DAY Saturday, October 10

The place to be to see extraordinary birds, both in their natural habitat and right up close!

9:00 a.m. and throughout the day: Raptor watch on the observation deck. Members of the Fall's Naturalist at Heart Program will be on the deck with binoculars and spotting scopes to help visitors find and observe birds of prey, such as the osprey, in their natural environment. They will also point out water fowl, such as herons, egrets and cormorants.

10:00 a.m. Hike to the outer beds of the National Wildlife Conservation Area, (river level permitting). Paul Olliges will lead this strenuous 3 hour hike to explore the habitat of migrating shore birds and waders, including the majestic Great Blue Heron. Hike limited to age 12 and over.

10:00 a.m. Live Raptors! Hardy Lake Rehab Center staff will introduce a variety of Raptors – hawks and falcons. Each one has its own special story and personality! 90 minute program in the auditorium.

10:00 to 4:00: **Investigating Owl Pellets – a hands-on activity.** Discover the feeding habits of birds of prey by dissecting owl pellets (balls of fur and bones) with Naturalist at Heart volunteers. Appropriate for all ages. Interpretive Center Lobby

1:00 p.m. Live Raptors! A second 90 minute presentation by the Hardy Lake Rehab Center. More of their resident "birds of prey" – this time owls.

3:00 p.m. Hike in the National Wildlife Conservation Area. The whole family can do this hike, looking for osprey and hawks at Fisherman's Point and enjoying a lovely view of the river.

For more information call (812)280-9970

Admission to the Interpretive Center Monday through Thursday is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children 2 to 18 years old. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. There is no extra charge for special programs. The center is open 9am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday and 1pm to 5pm on Sundays

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